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CHOW!

The official dining guide of Southwest Michigan

March is hands down one of my favorite months for several reasons. Yes, it's true I do enjoy the time change, springing forward, and the MLB's opening day, which all happen this month! More-so it also means the special edition of ***CHOW!*** will soon be at our mailboxes! Where else can you go to see all the amazing places that make Southwest Michigan such a foodie paradise?!

Think about it... we have everything from comfort and casual to higher end offerings all within a short drive or walking distance from our homes or work! Everything from olive burgers (extra olives please!), to Nashville hot chicken sandwiches, ice cold beverages, and some of the best Italian dishes, steaks, pizza and let's not forget the desserts! Yep... my mouth is watering just thinking about it - perhaps that's a lesson learned for me to not write this article on an empty stomach!

2026 marks the 6th year anniversary of ***CHOW!*** and the exciting partnership between Your Regional Chamber and MailMax!

We are excited to bring this special edition to you once again and spotlight a mix of deliciously tasty options for fun date nights, a night out with your best girl friends, or a meal that even the kids will love! It's a great time to show our hospitality industry some love as they are coming off the winter months before the influx that summer tourism brings.

If you haven't had the chance to visit some of our new members that are restaurants, consider this a great month to do so. Places like **TJ's Baroda Tap** and the original **TJ's in Watervliet** have several delicious options. Their burgers, pizza, and bar-b-que will have your tastebuds dancing and your tummy as happy as can be! Take a drive to Decatur for breakfast or lunch at the newly opened **Walker's Hard Times** or hop into **Hareloom Cafe** in Stevensville - both serving up delish eats throughout the week.

Bridgman's **Lake Street Eats**, **Lake Time Brewing, D'Agostino's Navajo** and **Haymarket Taproom** are not only slinging beers and craft cocktails, but some of the best bites in town!

Seasonal favorites like **Main Street Burgers, Pizza and Ice Cream** in Eau Claire and **Mikey's Drive-In** in Bridgman will be opening soon, ushering in a new wave of tastebud treats as the temps get warmer.

Buchanan's **McCollum's** and **Thistledown and Row** will not only leave you planning your next trip to the Redbud City but highlight the charm that their community has to offer. Bonus if you swing by **Gary Z's Sub Shop** for one of their mouthwatering subs, and **Union Coffee House & Cafe** for a quick bite or for a caffeine pick-me-up.

We are fortunate and blessed to have so many people with a passion for serving good food, hot and cold drinks, and friendly smiles for our friends and family to enjoy across Berrien, Cass, and Van Buren counties. I challenge you to try something new and delicious this month, hit up a new coffeeshop or cafe, try that new lunch spot, or treat yourself to dinner somewhere new. You never know what tasty creation awaits! Want to chat? Connect with me directly at 269-930-4040 or sspoonholtz@smrchamber.com.

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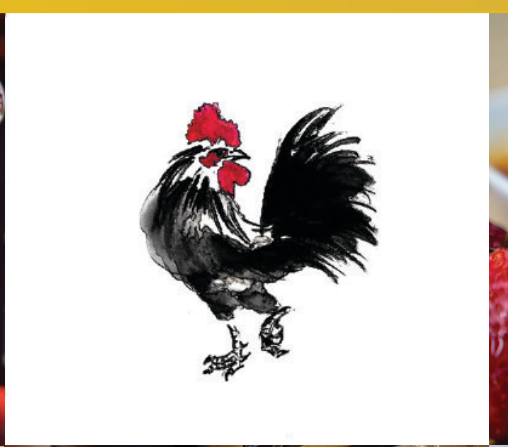

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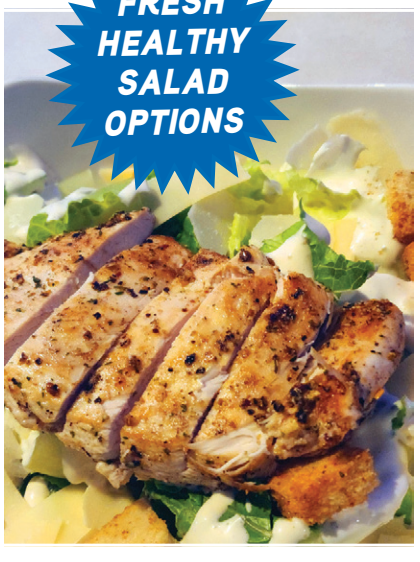

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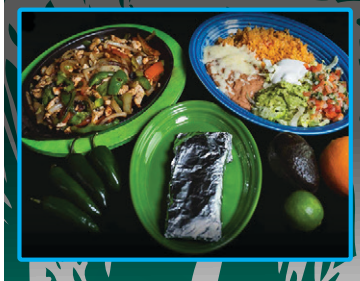

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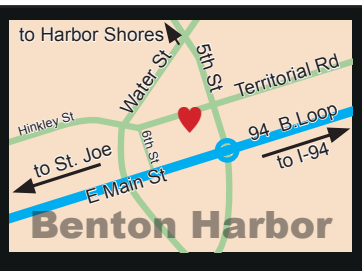

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